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Title: NOVEL HUMAN INTEGRAL MEMBRANE PROTEIN

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is partially responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2000.

Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 as indicated below. For the Examiner's convenience, the non-amended pending claims are also listed below.

1. (Twice Amended.) A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,
- b) a naturally occurring amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,